

AFMC IG team assesses sexual assault program

An Air Force Materiel Command Team assessing sexual assault policies, programs and the installation climate will visit 10 command bases in March.

The seven-member team arrives at Kirtland AFB March 15.

The team will meet with 377th Air Base Wing leadership and conduct a focus group and community survey as part of this fact-finding trip.

Individuals who would like a personal appointment to speak with a team member should contact Becky Auringer, wing Inspector General Office, 846-2411 or 846-9514, to schedule an appointment.

ID card section closed 2 days

The base identification card section, is closed March 29-30 so the Defense Manpower Data Center can upgrade the workstations.

The down time will affect remote site access at Roswell, 150th Fighter Wing and in Santa Fe.

Call Staff Sgt. Justina Meyers, 846-5459 or Master Sgt. Darryl E. Thomas, 846-4305 or 853-0698.

OF NOTE

BLOOD DRIVES

Kirtland AFB drives

United Blood Services conducts blood drives on Kirtland AFB.

Call 768-1408.

Upcoming drives are at:

★ Sandia National Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

★ Air Force Inspection Agency and Safety Center, **today**, bloodmobile, 8-11:30 a.m.

BRIEFINGS

Suicide prevention

All mandatory Suicide Prevention training is in the theater on:

★ **March 18**, 7 a.m.

★ **April 9**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

★ **May 26**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

★ **June 9**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **June 23**, 7 a.m.

★ **July 13**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

★ **Aug. 11**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

★ **Sept. 16**, 7 a.m.; **Sept. 29**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

★ **Oct. 13**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **Oct. 21**, 7 a.m.

★ **Nov. 3**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **Nov. 23**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

★ **Dec. 8**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.; **Dec. 16**, 7 a.m.;

★ **Dec. 22**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.

CLASSES

SMART coping

Stress Management and Relaxation Training is a four-session program proven to increase stress coping skills.

The class, open to everyone on the installation, is **March 17, 31** and **April 7** and **14**, 2-3 p.m., in the Life Skills Support Center.

Register at 846-3305.

Healthy thinking

Healthy Thinking Class, an easy-to-use approach for reducing worry, anger and other negative emotions, is **March 29** and **April 5**, 2-4 p.m. in the Life Skills Support Center.

Register at 846-3305.

CLOSINGS

Playground renovation

The renovation of Bicentennial Playground begins **March 15**.

The playground will be fenced and unusable for about six weeks.

The prep work for installing new playground equipment and new surfaces is **March 15-31**. New toys, surfacing and shade structures will be installed in April.

During the time the playground is fenced, do not allow your children to play in the area. The remaining area of Bicentennial Park will be available to use during this time.

Individual equipment

The Individual Equipment unit of Base Supply is closed **today** for annual inventory.

For emergencies call Daniel Meyers, 846-0075 or Christine Schneider, 846-0135. After hours, call 991-0609.

Munitions inventory

The 898th Munitions Squadron Conventional Munitions Flight is closed for a 100 percent munitions

stockpile inventory **today**.

Emergency requests will be processed during this period.

Call Master Sgt. Greg Sommer, 853-2177 or 846-2519.

EDUCATION

Officer mentoring

An Air Force Cadet/Officer Mentor Action Program is being started at Kirtland AFB.

AFCOMAP is a private, non-profit organization sanctioned by the Air Force.

The organization's purpose is promoting the professional development of Air Force officers and assisting officer candidates transitioning into the Air Force.

Call Capt. Christine Benjamin, 846-8325 or e-mail christine.benjamin@kirtland.af.mil.

New computer degree

The College of Santa Fe, Albuquerque Campus, has a new Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Degree.

The degree has a strong emphasis in math and science and offers students five concentrations.

Call John Harvey, 265-2732 or email jharvey@csf.edu.

CLEP Exams

The following CLEP exams will not be available on base after **March 31**: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, English Literature, American Literature, Educational Psychology, and French.

For scheduling, call 846-8955.

OF NOTE

EVENTS

Women's history

Celebrate Women's History Month by joining the Fun Run and Walk **today**, 11 a.m., at the entrance to Zia Park.

The Women's History Month team is also helping sponsor Earth Day, **March 17**, 1-4 p.m. in the Youth Center.

Worry-free retirement

The Kirtland Federal Credit Union Members Financial Services is holding a no-cost seminar on "Strategies for a Worry-Free Retirement," **March 23**, noon and 6 p.m. in the credit union education center, Room A, 6440 Gibson Boulevard SE.

The seminar includes:

- ★ How much will you need for retirement?
 - ★ Employer-sponsored retirement plans
 - ★ Determining your social security benefits
 - ★ Using individual retirement account benefits
 - ★ Planning your investment objectives.
- Call 254-4384.

Visit vets

Visit veterans at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center with the Air Force Sergeants Association, **tomorrow**, in Building 2, Recreation Hall, 10:15 a.m.

Call Airman Vanessa Ringwald, 853-6238.

FAMILY

New spouses

Heart Link Spouse Orientation is available by appointment.

The briefing for spouses new to the military is about everything you should know about life in the military. Register at 846-0741.

Phone books, guides

The Family Support Center has Kirtland AFB 2003 Telephone Directories and Newcomers' Guides in hard copy and on CD, and hard copy maps.

To obtain guides or directories, visit the Family Support Center in the Consolidated Support Facility.

Pre-deployment brief

Pre-deployment briefings are at the Family Support Center on **Mondays, Wednesdays** and **Fridays**, 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and **Thursdays** at 5 p.m.

Contact Master Sgt. C. Lloyd McKenzie, 853-1704, to be scheduled.

MEETINGS

Kirtland Airmen's Council

The Kirtland Airmen's Council meets **March 17**, 1 p.m., in the Rio Grande Community Center.

Contact KAC@kirtland.af.mil.

MISCELLANEA

CE Hotline

The Civil Engineer Quality Assurance Hotline was created in response to feedback at the Feb. 27 civilian commander's call.

All Kirtland personnel with comments, suggestions or complaints about the various Civil Engineering contractors (RCI for custodial, Chugach for base maintenance and Honeywell for energy savings) are invited to contact the CE Quality Assurance Hotline at 846-9675 or by email at 377MSG.CEQ@kirtland.af.mil.

International service

The Distance Learning Center is launching the Globecast World TV Service, which features 38 television and radio programs from around the world.

The lineup includes programming from Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Qatar, Yemen, Iran (Farsi and Persian languages), Israel, Georgia, Armenia, Croatia, Romania, Korea, Thailand, India and Pakistan.

Call Circe Woessner, 846-1748.

Keep computers on

The 377th Information Management Division wants base computer users to not turn off their computers because they routinely run software updates during off-peak hours.

To save energy, people can turn off their monitors, which are the biggest draw of power.

Free Tax Preparation

Active duty, retired military and their dependents are eligible for free tax preparation at the VITA Tax Center.

More information is available at the Tax Center's Web site at www.kirtland.af.mil. Click on the "Organizations" tab at the top, then click on Tax Center on the "Organizations" page.

Call 853-1700 for an appointment.

CGOC trip

The Kirtland AFB Company Grade Officers Council is sponsoring a trip to Holloman AFB on **March 19-20**.

The company grade officers will tour the 49th Fighter Wing and

interact with Holloman AFB personnel, as well as enjoy a Friday evening at the Officers Club.

Attendees will stay in Holloman AFB lodging March 19 and depart the next morning.

The trip is being coordinated through the CGOC, but the opportunity is open to all company grade officers at Kirtland AFB.

Contact 1st Lt. Chris Gardner at 846-0063 or e-mail at christopher.gardner@kirtland.af.mil.

PERSONNEL

Records changes

Civilians serviced by the Air Force Personnel Center are no longer required to submit changes for education, licensing, languages and certificates through the Kirtland AFB Civilian Personnel Flight.

These requests may be faxed directly to the personnel center at DSN 665-2937 or 210-565-2937.

Records will be updated within 90 days.

Emblem embroidery

Customers that drop off their Air Force light-weight blue jackets at the Military Clothing Sales Store can have the Air Force emblem embroidered on them for \$6.50.

There is a two-business-day turnaround.

Need a challenge?

TEAM KIRTLAND First Term Airmen Center is looking for a sharp, dedicated staff sergeant through senior master sergeant to fill the position of flight chief.

This is a special duty assignment (9F000) and is a three-year controlled tour. All applicants must be able to be released from their career field.

For details on the application process and answers to any questions, contact Master Sgt. William Hannah, 853-7461 or e-mail william.hannah@kirtland.af.mil

Submit application packages before **March 26**.

Palace Chase

Palace Chase briefing is **March 17**, 1 p.m., in the 377th Air Base Wing Conference Room.

Reference Air Force Instruction 36-3205 for eligibility. Retraining may be an option.

Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

RECRUITING

Warrant officers

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airman to fill its warrant officer ranks.

Positions are open in all 45 specialties. Applicants with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply.

Go to www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or call 502-626-0484 or 502-626-0458.

SCHOLARSHIPS

OU scholarships

The University of Oklahoma Club of New Mexico will award two \$750 one-year college scholarships for the fall of 2004.

Both scholarships are for New Mexico residents admitted to OU and attending at the Norman campus. The OU Web site, www.ou.edu, lists university admission requirements and applications.

One scholarship is for a freshman and the other is for any student.

The application can be printed from the OU Club Web site, www.freewebz.com/nmsooners/, or from Jill Riester, Scholarship Chair, at 505-281-1337, riesterr@msn.com.

The application must be postmarked by **March 15**.

VOLUNTEERS

Judges needed

The New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Inc. needs volunteer judges for their 16th Annual Statewide Math and Science Jamboree, **April 3** at UNM.

MESA promotes educational enrichment for pre-college students from historically underrepresented ethnic groups. Their goal is to increase the number of underrepresented ethnic minorities in professions related to mathematics, science and engineering.

If you are interested in volunteering call, 2nd Lt. Wesley Cook, 853-2650.

Project officers

Project officers are needed for a variety of special observances at Kirtland AFB.

Upcoming observances are National Hispanic Heritage Month, **Sept. 15-Oct. 15**; National Disability Employment Awareness Month in **October**; and Native American Indian Heritage Month in **November**.

Although previous experience working on special observance committees is helpful, experience is not required. Committee members help publicize events, work on fund-raising projects that support the special observance, perform administrative tasks and other work coordinating events.

To volunteer, call Sol Starks at 846-5369.